

Appropriations Subcommittee

Transportation and HUD

Requesting Organization

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

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Purpose of Request

Funding would support a collaborative research project among the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, the University of Minnesota, and a host of additional state and local government units, including: the Minnesota Department of Transportation; the Metropolitan Council; and Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin and Washington Counties. This project is analyzing the economic benefits of existing investments in major transitways, and the potential economic benefits of future transitways in the St. Paul-Minneapolis metropolitan region. The study will provide data on changes resulting from investments in transit. Metrics included in the study include changes in: property values; land use; business expansion or contraction; travel behavior; crime and public safety impacts; and other essential information for state and local policymakers. Local partners have already invested over \$400,000 to initiate this analysis. Federal funding would support the completion of this study, which is planned for broad distribution among government, private-sector and non-governmental entities with responsibilities for transportation policy.

Amount Requested

\$1,000,000